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By Jessica Galliart

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MONSTER COOKIE

KRAFT'S TRIPLE DOUBLE OREO IN A LEAGUE OF ITS OWN

Chicago Tribune

For those who think the Double Stuf Oreo is too dainty, Kraft Foods has introduced the Triple Double Oreo, which combines a layer of vanilla cream, a layer of chocolate cream and three chocolate wafers.

"Our fans' passion and enthusiasm has challenged us to raise our game," Jessica Robinson, associate director of consumer engagement at Kraft Foods, said in a statement. "We are looking forward to engaging with Oreo fans as they share their twisting, licking and dunking moments with the new Triple Double Oreo cookie."

The new cookie actually is a new take on Argentina's Oreo "x3" (pronounced "Por Tres") cookie, introduced in 2010.

Kraft's Nabisco unit will launch television advertising featuring Shaquille O'Neal, Eli Manning, Venus Williams and Apolo Ohno in early September.

NUTRITION INFORMATION

Triple Double
(for one cookie)
Calories: 100
Total fat: 4.5g
Sugars: 9g

Regular Oreo
Calories: 53.3
Total fat: 2.3g
Sugars: 4.7g

HOW'S IT STACK UP?

Think Kraft's Triple Double Oreo is strangely excessive at about 1,800 calories and 81 grams of fat per container? (That's 18 servings, mind you.) Think again. When it comes to overdone edibles and fast-food chimeras, it turns out the new stacked cookie is more American than apple pie. Check it out.* TRIBUNE

KFC Double Down sandwich
Two boneless white meat chicken fillets, two pieces of bacon, two melted slices of Monterey Jack and pepper jack cheese and sauce
Calories: 540
Fat (g): 32
Sodium (mg): 1,380

Hardee's Monster Thickburger
Two 1/3-pound charbroiled Black Angus beef patties, four strips of bacon, three slices of American cheese and mayonnaise on a sesame seed bun
Calories: 1,320
Fat (g): 95
Sodium (mg): 3,020

Burger King's Enormous Omelet Sandwich
Features sausage, eggs, cheese and bacon, according to various media reports
Calories: 760
Fat (g): 44
Sodium (mg): 1,840

Cold Stone Creamery PB&C Ice Cream Shake
("Gotta Have It" 24-ounce)
Chocolate ice cream, skim milk and peanut butter
Calories: 2,010
Fat (g): 131
Sodium (mg): 880

Wendy's Baconator Double
Two 1/4-pound patties topped with smoked bacon in a bun. Includes mayo, ketchup, and American cheese
Calories: 930
Fat (g): 58
Sodium (mg): 1,840

*NUTRITIONAL STATISTICS FOR ITEMS AVAILABLE OR ONCE AVAILABLE, AS LISTED ON RESTAURANT WEBSITES.

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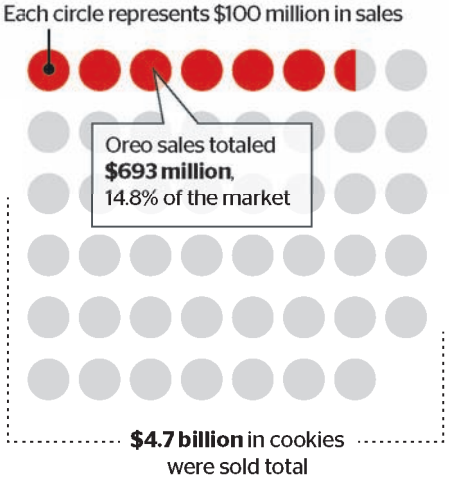

GLOBAL COOKIE

Oreos have adapted to the tastes of different cultures. Argentina's Oreo x3, with three layers of cookie and two layers of cream, was the inspiration for the Triple Double.

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Mexico Cookies and cream

China Green tea ice cream

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Put a ring on it, then steer clear

Watching WE's "Bridezillas," I can't help but think to myself, "What bridezillas? These ladies are behaving perfectly rationally."

Perhaps that's because I just had a meltdown at David's Bridal when I discovered it didn't have the fake pearl shoe clips I wanted.

Allow me to explain. I'm engaged. Thank you, thank you. Yes, I'm super excited. But I quickly realized the wedding wasn't going to plan itself—much to my dismay.

Now here we are, two months to the big day, and I have gone from a blushing bride to an enraged torpedo of crazy, spinning around in a whirlwind of tulle and seating charts.

Looking for solace, I checked out the latest celebs planning to get hitched who might share in my misery. However, according to a recent interview, Kim Kardashian doesn't feel the same way. Instead, E! Online reports that her "freak-out moments happened at the beginning" and she is now calm—even with her nuptials only two days away.

That's a butt-load of bull if I've ever heard it.

No matter what, every bride will and should freak out. It's her right. The decisions made during the engagement period are overwhelming and probably outnumber the decisions President Obama will have to make by the end of his first term in office. Just to get dressed, I have to make eight crucial choices. EIGHT!

Where is my future husband in all of this? After he picked out a *white* vest at Men's Wearhouse when I clearly explained that my dress is *ivory*, I locked him in a closet with the wedding favors and told him he can't come out until the rehearsal. Hoping the closet was soundproof, he happily complied.

Some might think I'm overreacting, but I can justify my behavior with simple math. Imagine you're hosting a dinner party for five people. To plan a great evening of food, drinks and entertainment, you probably reach about a 4 out of 10 on the anxiety scale. Now multiply that by the number of people on the wedding guest list and what do you get? Anxiety attacks at the florist and a twitchy eye.

Everyone warned me this would happen, but I refused to listen. My famous last line was, "The banquet hall has food and booze. What more do people want?" Then somewhere between picking the dress and selecting a videographer, I morphed into a color theme-obsessed creature who's incapable of completing a sentence without the word "wedding."

The truth is the whole thing *is* a big deal. And yes, perhaps all the guests won't gush over how I got the place cards to match the bridesmaids' shoes, but if this is going to be the start of our married life together, I'd like it to start off right.

So the next time your sister/friend/attacker is screaming profanities about her wedding plans, just stand back and let her freak out. It is the greatest gift you can possibly give. That, or something off the registry. **CONNIE REYES IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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THE CUBICLE AND THE CLOSET

ALMOST HALF OF LGBT EMPLOYEES ARE NOT OUT AT WORK, SURVEY SAYS

By Georgia Garvey
REDEYE

Todd Sears has been out of the closet for as long as he's been an adult.

Openly gay since he was 18 years old, Sears started his first job out of college assuming he'd be the same at work. But three weeks after starting his position on Wall Street, his boss called someone a homophobic slur. And that was that.

"I basically realized that I had to be in the closet," said Sears, now 35. "And having not been that closeted and having to shift back and watch pronouns and make up an imaginary girlfriend and really sort of re-experience in a corporate setting what I had experienced growing up was exhausting."

That exhaustion—the constant fear that a boss or employer will discover your sexual orientation or gender identity—may be more common than some would think. Forty-eight percent of LGBT employees are in the closet at work, and one-third of them are leading "double lives," in which they're out to family and friends but not colleagues, according to a recent study by the Center for Work-Life Policy, a think tank in New York. The survey and other data suggest some closeted gay workers are suffering the ill effects of hiding—as are the employers of those workers.

"Corporate America is not always a quote, unquote meritocracy," said Sears, who is out now as a New York-based diversity adviser. "If you're in the closet, you're hiding and you're hiding something very intrinsic about yourself."

While conditions for gay workers appear to be improving, there is work to be done, activists say. LGBT people stay in the closet for a variety of reasons, experts say, whether they be worries that advancement will stall, fear of harassment or other ill effects. Subtle cues—an invite to a company function that doesn't mention partners or significant others, for example—can act as tipoffs for workplaces that might be less than welcoming.

"A lot of companies feel like, 'Oh we have an [anti-discrimination] policy,' " said Karen Sumberg, senior vice president for the Center for Work-Life Policy. "Partner benefits are nice. That's great, but that doesn't build an inclusive culture."

Case in point: The experience of Brian, a Chicago-area man in his 30s whose partner is closeted at work. He said though the two have come to an understanding about the matter, it was hurtful initially. (RedEye is not providing his full name in order to maintain his partner's privacy.)

"It bothered me a lot at first," Brian said. "The Christmas party, I could never go to that."

But what about people who think being gay is just personal business that no one needs to know about?

Two-thirds of LGBT workers in a Human Rights Campaign 2009 survey said "one reason they are not open to everyone at work is because 'it's nobody's business.' " The report goes on to say that the data showed the "nobody's business" employees might be influenced by bad attitudes about LGBT people at work.

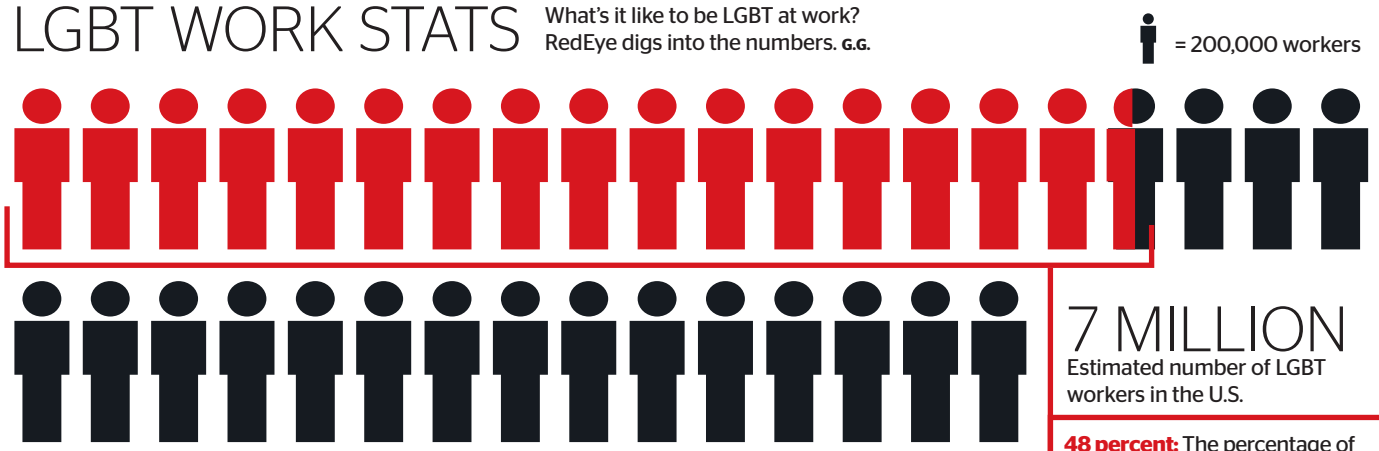
Sears points out that the same attitude about "personal business" doesn't hold true for straight people.

"It's kind of laughable. ... I say, 'Great, awesome, try that for 24 hours. Try to not mention your wife, your kids, take all the pictures out of your office, see how well you do,' " he said.

Nick Rutan, 28, of Buena Park, has had a different experience, but knows not all companies are open to LGBT employees. Rutan

LGBT WORK STATS

What's it like to be LGBT at work? RedEye digs into the numbers. G.G.



7 MILLION
Estimated number of LGBT workers in the U.S.

48 percent: The percentage of LGBT employees who are closeted at work. One-third are closeted at work but out to friends and family.

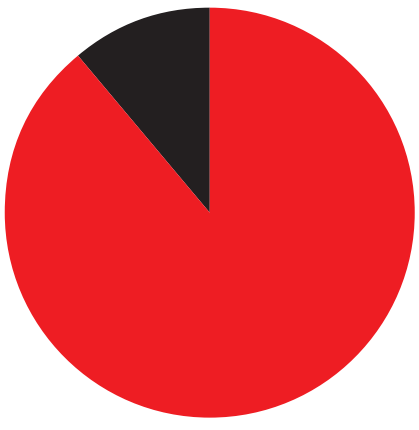
13 The number of companies in 2002 that got a perfect score on the HRC's Corporate Equality Index, which tracks LGBT policies at workplaces.

337 The number of companies in 2011 that got a perfect score on the HRC's Corporate Equality Index, which tracks LGBT policies at workplaces.

About **5 percent** of LGBT employees ages 18 to 24 say they're "totally open" at work. That number is **20 percent** for older LGBT workers.

Closeted LGBT workers are **40 percent** "less likely to trust their employer than those who are out."

Closeted, isolated employees say they're **73 percent** more likely to find another job in the next three years.



89%
The number of LGBT employees who say conversations about personal lives come up at work at least once a week.

58%
The number of LGBT employees who say a coworker makes a joke or derogatory remark about LGBT people at least every once in a while.

SOURCES: HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN, CENTER FOR WORK-LIFE POLICY

works in sales for Groupon and says his coworkers there are young, the environment is casual and "no one really gives a [bleep] if you are gay or not."

When the company was a startup with a handful of employees, Rutan said, he went to human resources leaders there and pointed out that company missives didn't read inclusive and that no domestic partner benefits were available.

"I was like, 'Did you know this is happening and did you know that we don't offer domestic partner benefits? Did you know that if we really want to attract a high caliber of work force that we should do that?' " Rutan said. And the company responded.

But every work environment isn't as welcoming. An HRC study showed that 58 percent of LGBT people reported negative comments or jokes about gay people at work. One-fourth to one-third of the people at gay-hostile workplaces said they were distracted, depressed or exhausted.

"Contrary to what a lot of people believe, an employer can terminate an employee in most states or most jurisdictions for any reason," said Christopher Clark, senior staff attorney in the Midwest regional office for Lamda Legal.

Illinois, Cook County and the city of Chicago have anti-discrimination laws that cover sexual orientation or gender identity, so people who've been harassed have some legal avenues to pursue.

But Clark said the gap between legal inclusion and workplace acceptance still is very real. And closeted LGBT workers may not be as effective of employees as their out counterparts.

"People tend to be happier and healthier when they can work in environments where they can be out," he said.

Meanwhile, Brian says that though progress is being made, being gay still can affect someone's career.

"We're making some strides in terms of acceptance," but his partner works in a "boys' club" with old-fashioned values. "It could potentially hurt his job."

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Chicago's most gay-friendly workplaces

By Georgia Garvey
REDEYE

Chicago-based AON, a consulting company, touts its inclusion on the Human Rights Campaign's list of the best places in the country for LGBT people to work, something the employer has made a priority. Tom Sondergeld, senior director of health and welfare for AON in Chicago, said the devotion has paid dividends to the multinational corporation.

He said the environment is friendlier for LGBT people and employees can feel safe, even in countries where anti-gay sentiment is stronger than in the U.S. Overall, he said, it's easier to tackle personal issues.

Recently, Sondergeld said, the mother of a close work friend's partner died. Initially, the man was afraid to bring the matter up to his supervisor and came to the diversity department for advice.

"Having the conversation with his manager was a piece of cake," he said. "It's been a really good experience."

Here are 10 other companies in the Chicago area that made the 2011 list of best places to work for LGBT people, in industries from food to transportation. For a full list, visit **hrc.org/issues/best-places-to-work-2011.htm**.

» Boeing Co. (aerospace and defense)
» Harris Bankcorp Inc. (banking and financial services)
» MillerCoors LLC (food, beverage and groceries)
» Sara Lee Corp. in Downers Grove (food, beverage and groceries)
» Hyatt Hotels Corp. (hotels, resorts and casinos)
» The Allstate Corp. in Northbrook (insurance)
» Sidley Austin LLP (law firms)
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Debbie Jefferson talks about her daughter, Charinez (inset), who was shot and killed Tuesday night. WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE

Pregnant teen killed

Doctors are able to deliver her second child

Chicago Tribune

Sixteen-month-old Kamarrea Jefferson stood in his grandmother's living room Wednesday, clutching a Spider-Man figure and staring at the dozens of people arriving to mourn his mother's death.

The toddler's mother, Charinez Jefferson, 17, was gunned down around the corner from her family's home in Marquette Park on Tuesday night. Jefferson was six months pregnant with her second child, a boy who was delivered in an emergency procedure shortly after the shooting and was in critical condition Wednesday night.

"The hardest part is for a child who is 16 months old to begin to wonder, 'Where is my momma?' " said Jefferson's mother, Debbie, tears streaming down her face as she clutched photos of her smiling daughter.

Police aren't sure if Jefferson was the target but said there have been recent gang shootings in the area. No arrests had been made by Wednesday night.

Jefferson spent much of Tuesday at Marquette Park with her son and her friends, said Jajuan Moore, 17, a friend of Jefferson's since the fourth grade who had walked home with her and her son about 20 minutes before the 10:35 p.m. shooting.

Jefferson told Moore she was going to bed and waved goodbye to him from a window in her second-floor apartment, he said as he stood Wednesday outside the building in the 6300 block of South Albany Avenue.

But a short time later, Jefferson went to a store at the end of the block, her mother said. She said she had just talked to her daughter on the phone a few minutes before some of her daughter's friends ran to her apartment and said Jefferson had been shot.

As Jefferson walked home with a group of friends, a gunman got out of a car, ran up and opened fire, police said.

"One of them yelled, 'He's got a got a gun,' and everyone scattered," police spokesman Officer Ronald Gaines said.

Jefferson was hit in the body and head, Fire Department spokesman Will Knight said. She was in full cardiac arrest when paramedics arrived and was rushed to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn as the paramedics worked to save the baby, Knight said.

Jefferson was declared dead at the hospital at 11:11 p.m., but doctors quickly decided to perform emergency surgery to deliver the baby, hospital officials said.

"It was a valiant effort by our emergency department team ... to deliver the baby successfully from a patient who was lethally shot," hospital spokesman Mike Maggio said. "Now, in the case of the baby, all we can do is wait and see."

At least 16 McKinley Park geese found dead

Chicago Tribune

Parts of McKinley Park on the Southwest Side should be avoided until officials can figure out why at least 16 geese died there over two days.

The dead geese were found near the park's pond and its softball fields, according to the Chicago Commission on Animal Care and Control. Six dead birds were found Tuesday by a park-goer and Chicago police officers found 10 others Wednesday morning.

Two additional geese were found dead Tuesday at 3100 S. Archer Ave., near the Stevenson Expressway and not far from the park.

What killed the fowl has yet to be determined.

Animal Care and Control is working with a wildlife biologist from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and several of the geese have been sent to a lab for necropsies and toxicology tests, said Cherie Travis, executive director of Animal Care and Control.

Chicago Park District spokeswoman Jessica Maxey-Faulkner said poisoning was suspected, but Travis said she could not confirm that.

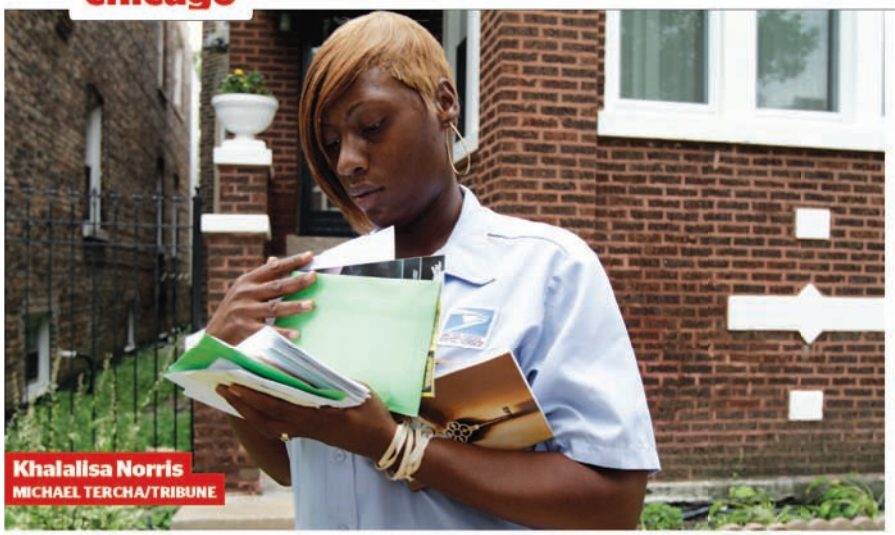
As a precaution, Travis said Animal Care and Control advised the Park District to discourage park-goers from fishing or walking dogs in the area where the dead geese were found.

"We're really trying to be thorough to make sure we understand if there's a public health risk," Travis said.

Park District employees were at McKinley Park on Wednesday informing people of what had happened and posting signs in grassy areas and by the park's pond, Maxey-Faulkner said. She said there had been no reports of problems with any other animals in the park.

A few geese were walking around the park Wednesday morning, and people there said they were unaware that so many geese had died.

"That's sad, because they're a part of nature," said Leticia Salinas, 47, of Brighton Park.


Khalalisa Norris
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Mail carriers fight for their own safety

Chicago Tribune

On a chilly fall morning, mail carrier Khalalisa Norris wheeled her cart along West Congress Parkway in Austin. She had just dropped a bundle of envelopes into the mail slot of a two-flat graystone, when she heard a man call from a passing car.

"Mail lady, duck!" he yelled.

Gunfire exploded from one of the car windows.

"No sooner than I hit the ground—pow, pow, pow!—I had to roll under a SUV," said Norris, a 33-year-old mother of three who remembers laying under the vehicle that morning and thinking: "God, please don't let me die today."

Once the code of the street made mail carriers a protected class. Dressed in their navy blue uniforms, they walked safely through the city's most dangerous neighborhoods. Drug dealers stepped aside for their cart. Thugs held their fire until carriers finished the routes and drove away in their boxy white trucks.

But now, carriers say, that code is changing. A spate of armed robberies and other violent incidents—including carriers caught in drive-by shootings—have left many mailmen and women looking over their shoulders this summer.

As the tension escalates, many carriers say the U.S. Postal Service isn't doing enough to keep them safe. Carriers contend they typically aren't told when others on nearby routes are robbed, assaulted or caught in shootings. Those who experience violence often have to fight with management—sometimes unsuccessfully—to transfer to another route. Many believe incidents are not reported up the chain of command and, as a result, statistics underestimate the dangers carriers face.

"Far too often, the carrier walks away [from a violent incident] feeling as if the managers don't care," said Mack Julion, president of the Chicago branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers. "The carrier feels that the managers and supervisors think the mail is more of a priority than the carrier's personal safety."

For its part, the Postal Service says this isn't so. "Any notion that the Postal Service doesn't have our carriers' backs when it comes to their safety is simply not true," Mark Reynolds, a spokesman for the Postal Service in Chicago, wrote in an email response to questions from the Tribune.

Alert issued after beauty salon heists

A pair of robberies in West Side beauty salons prompted Chicago police to put out an alert Wednesday. The first robbery took place Saturday on the 2400 block of South Kedzie Avenue, the second Monday on the 3000 block of South Pulaski Road.

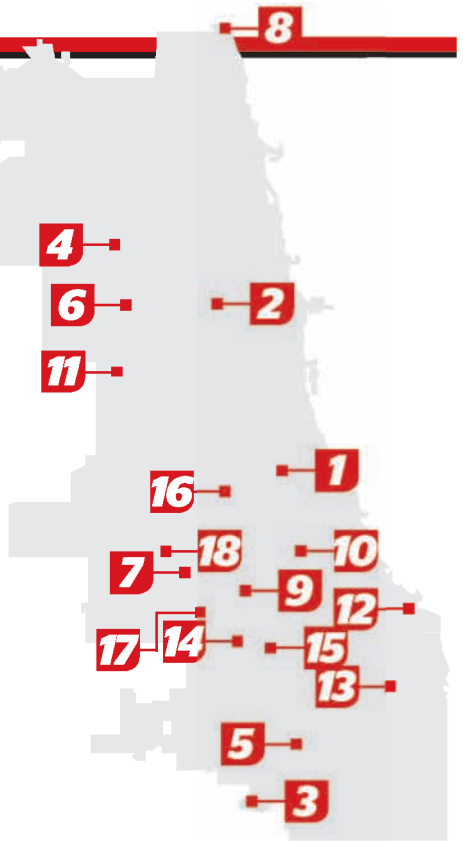
City settles test lawsuit for $45M

It will cost the city at least $45 million to compensate thousands of African-Americans who lost a shot at becoming a Chicago firefighter because of a discriminatory test, under a federal court order entered Wednesday that brings an end to 13 years of litigation.

GPS leads cops to stolen cash

A robbery suspect was arrested in South Chicago on Wednesday after police tracked his movements through a GPS device hidden with cash he stole from a bank in Evanston, officials said. TRIBUNE

Homicide tracker



By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

Three South Side community areas each have recorded two homicides this month, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

In Chicago Lawn, a 17-year-old girl was shot and killed Tuesday in the 3000 block of West 64th Street, police said (story on Page 9). Nine days earlier, a 16-year-old boy was shot to death in the 6900 block of South Oakley Avenue, according to officials.

In Auburn Gresham, a 20-year-old man was fatally shot Sunday in the 8100 block of South Winchester Avenue, police said. Three days earlier, a 41-year-old man was shot and killed in the 1300 block of West 87th Street, according to officials.

In Roseland, a 29-year-old man was shot to death Saturday in the 8800 block of South Princeton Avenue, police said. Also last week, a 3-month-old Roseland girl died from injuries sustained in child abuse, according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office.

Citywide, gunshot homicides were recorded in the past two weeks in Englewood, Grand Boulevard, Hermosa, Humboldt Park, New City, North Lawndale, Rogers Park, South Chicago, South Deering, West Pullman, West Town and Woodlawn, RedEye data shows.

Twenty homicides have been recorded so far this month. Police recorded 60 homicides in August 2010, RedEye found.

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Homicides from Aug. 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday. Note: All locations had one victim.

1 **4200 BLOCK OF S. STATE ST.**
Date: Aug. 3 Cause: Gunshot

2 **600 BLOCK OF N. ASHLAND AVE.**
Date: Aug. 4 Cause: Gunshot

3 **12700 BLOCK OF S. UNION AVE.**
Date: Aug. 4 Cause: Gunshot

4 **4300 BLOCK OF W. DICKENS ST.**
Date: Aug. 4 Cause: Gunshot

5 **11300 BLOCK OF S. FOREST AVE.**
Date: Aug. 4 Cause: Child Abuse

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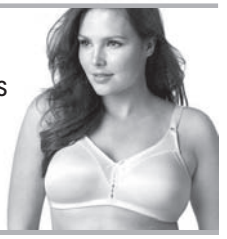

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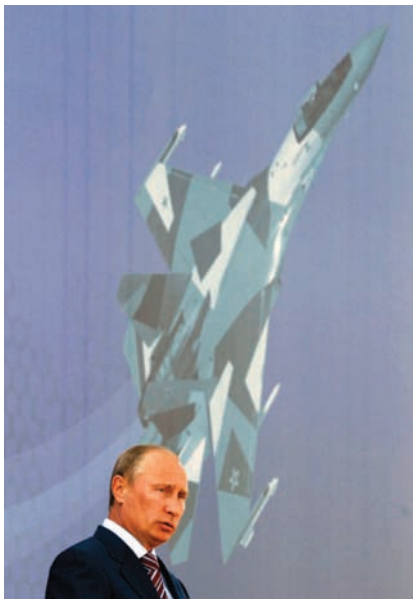

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Putin backs air show

1 Prime Minister **Vladimir Putin** promised more support for Russia's aviation industry Wednesday after overseeing more than $1 billion worth of deals at the country's biggest air show.

Lead in missing woman case?

2 The suspect in the disappearance of a Maryland woman during a vacation in Aruba had taken out a travel insurance policy on her, an island official said Wednesday.

America's top author

3 American author and entertainment mogul James Patterson has topped a Forbes magazine list of the world's highest paid authors, earning more than twice that of No. 2, Danielle Steel.

School plot thwarted

4 Authorities in Tampa, Fla., have arrested a 17-year-old after discovering via a tip that he allegedly planned to set off explosives and kill dozens of students at his former high school, officials said Wednesday.

Lightning victims released

5 Eight people who experienced a lightning strike Tuesday at SeaWorld Orlando were examined and released from medical facilities by midnight, the theme park reported Wednesday.

Russians still committed to space station plans

6 Moscow no longer sees manned spaceflight as its top priority but remains committed to its International Space Station obligations, the head of Russian space agency Roskosmos said Wednesday.

Abercrombie & Fitch has a deal for the Sitch

7 **NEW YORK** Abercrombie & Fitch has offered money to get away from what it sees as an undesirable Situation.

The preppy retailer has offered to pay cast members from MTV's popular show "Jersey Shore" to stop wearing its clothes, it said in a statement late Tuesday.

The company is "deeply concerned" that Michael "The Situation" Sorrentino "could cause significant damage" to the brand's "aspirational nature."

"Jersey Shore" features a cast of 20- and 30-something "Italian-Americans" partying, tanning and complaining about their jobs at a beachfront T-shirt stand.

The offer could be considered an abrupt about-face for a company that previously sold T-shirts emblazoned with the wording "The Fitchuation."

"It's a clever PR stunt and we'd love to work with them on other ways they can leverage 'Jersey Shore' to reach the largest youth audience on television," MTV said in a statement posted to **thr.com**.

While seen as more of a publicity stunt than anything else, Abercrombie's offer was mentioned in notes Wednesday by Wall Street analysts.

"No love for 'Jersey Shore!'" Nomura Securities analyst Peter Lejuez wrote in a report titled "Jersey abs not welcome here."

Lejuez said shoppers in Europe, a region in which he says Abercrombie is eager to expand, may not like the look of the rambunctious reality show's cast.

"They have a different look than The Situation," Lejuez said in an interview.

Abercrombie also reported earnings that beat analysts' expectations Wednesday.

The results prompted Wall Street Strategies analyst Brian Sozzi to write: "Management may be correct in asking [and offering to pay] the cast of 'Jersey Shore' to stop donning its logo-wear. It doesn't need the infusion of MTV and side-job dollars from the 'Jersey Shore' crew, if 2Q11 was any indication."

Barack on three, ready ...

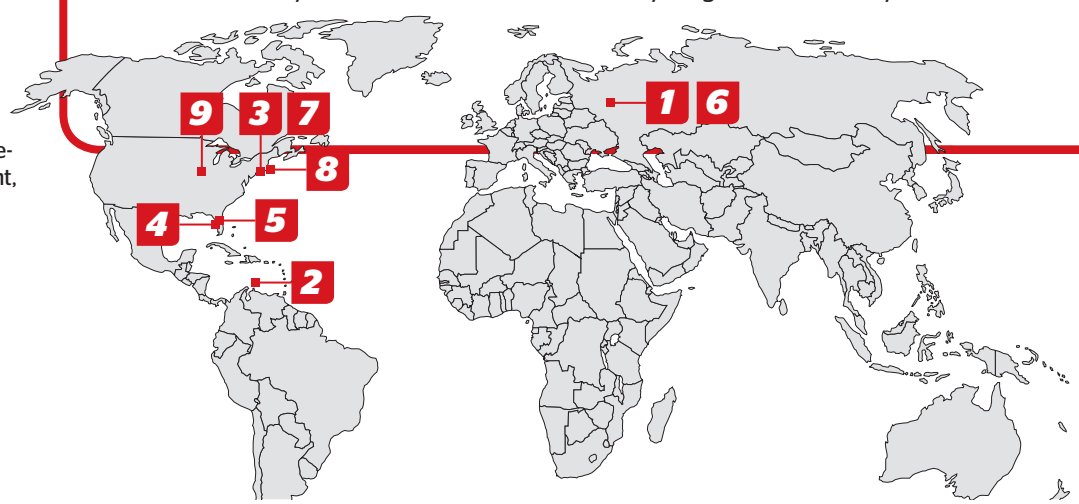
9 President Obama (center) cheers during a huddle Wednesday with the Galesburg High School football team on a visit to Galesburg, Ill. The president was wrapping up a three-day tour of the Midwest to discuss ways to grow the economy. GETTY IMAGES

Study: Women need college to get ahead

8 **BOSTON** A college degree is seen more and more by the public as a credential women need to make it big despite a soaring price tag, research published Wednesday showed.

Some 77 percent of respondents in a Pew Research Center survey said it was necessary for a woman to go to college to get ahead in life, while only 68 percent said the same for men.

The Pew results, randomly gathered from landline and cellphone calls with 2,142 adults in March, come as women outpace men by significant numbers on college campuses and in graduation statistics.



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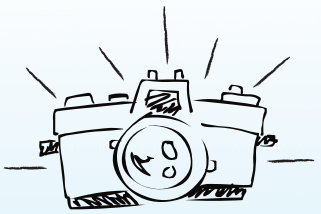

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Unlovable losers

Longtime fan reaches his breaking point

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If all we're doing as modern sports fans is "rooting for laundry," as Jerry Seinfeld once said, it's fine time I gather up my pinstriped powdered blues and unceremoniously dump them into the Goodwill drop box.

In other words, I'm officially divorcing the Cubs.

Now, before you accuse me of a Carlos Zambrano-like overreaction to the depressing series of recent events involving the aforementioned hothead-ed hurler or even the boring sludge of a season we've had to endure, let me explain.

My love for the Cubs has been slowly waning over the last decade. It's not about losing—being a fan of the North Siders has never been about reveling in good fortune and countless victories. If anything, mishaps like the infamous Bartman game or the time Tyler Colvin unwillingly played the part of an extra from "True Blood" by being impaled by a bat make the Cubs more endearing, not less.

Instead, it's about the Chinese water torture of a hundred small indignities piled up over the years.

» It's the fact that the Cubs carry massive payrolls every season and rarely live up to their promise.

» It's the lack of homegrown talent and the reliance on moody, overpriced veterans.

» It's the rising ticket prices at Wrigley Field—the third highest in the league—and the prospect of $7 Old Styles.

» It's that while I have nothing against Keith Moreland, the broadcasts just aren't the same with Harry Caray and Ron Santo both gone to the heavenly Field of Dreams.

» It's the obnoxious, boozy, frat-boy atmosphere of Wrigleyville with an ugly side that sometimes manifests itself with crypto-racist comments and signs toward certain ethnic players.

» It's watching legendary broadcaster Steve Stone and legendary second baseman Ryne Sandberg be indirectly pushed out of the organization.

» It's Ryan Theriot outing himself as a giant d-bag.

For these reasons and many, many more, my relationship with the Cubs is as done as the team's prospects for an NL Central pennant.

Yes, part of me still wants to play the nice guy and stand there awkwardly while avoiding eye contact, sheepishly apologizing and muttering "It's not you, it's me." But that'd be intellectually dishonest. It's TOTALLY them.

And so I don't bleed Cubbie blue anymore. I just bleed.

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IS MARMOL OK?

Manager Mike Quade noted Wednesday that closer Carlos Marmol's (right) velocity on his fastball has been down this year.

"It's an ongoing thing with 'Marm,'" Quade said. "He's had a wonderful run here, and this is really the first bit of adversity he's had in his career."

Marmol, who didn't pitch in Wednesday's 4-3 loss to the Astros, has been clocked in the low 90s, after throwing in the mid-90s throughout most of his

career. He blew Tuesday's game on a ninth-inning grand slam and has eight blown saves.

"I don't think [the velocity is] what it was, and during his real tough time, his slider wasn't as sharp," Quade said. "He didn't throw as many quality sliders [Tuesday] night. It's funny, because he wanted to pitch the day before, but we shut him down. We'll keep a close eye on Marmol, like we do all of them. I'm not convinced that the work he's gotten is an issue, velocity-wise." TRIBUNE

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Lewis University	$23,780	$39,960	Romeoville, Illinois
Loyola University – Chicago	$32,114	$62,964	Chicago, Illinois
North Central College	Not Available	$34,560	Naperville, Illinois
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1 Brian Urlacher says the Bears are better than 2010. How would you respond to him?	"Um, losing Kristin Cavallari is not addition by subtraction."	"Good. That should be the goal of any team that wasn't champion."	So, is he gonna play on the O-line too?	"Let's do this then!"	"What the hell are you doing in my house?"
2 What's the downside to the Cubs' recent winning ways?	Carlos Zambrano thinks he should get a statue now.	When an emotional roller-coaster ends months ago, you don't expect the ride to resume. But: Wheeeeeeee!	Woo-Woo will be even louder next homestand.	It's a false glimmer of hope. They need to make some major changes regardless.	Their pitchers still give up things called "walk-off grand slams." So, you know, can't get too excited.
3 Why would the White Sox care if Jim Thome's 600th homer was overlooked?	Because Kenny Williams is going to swap him out for Adam Dunn when no one's looking.	They're in favor of anything that makes the division seem exciting. Also: 600 homers. Come on.	They read Chuck Garfien's "Sox Drawer" on **csnchicago.com**.	That was their teammate. Wouldn't you stick up for your friend?	Anything to distract them from Adam Dunn's batting average.
4 What's worse than an athlete getting caught fighting in a church?	A nun getting caught fighting in a bar?	Fighting over a church: "It's mine, get your own place of worship!"	An athlete who's never been to church.	An athlete freaking out on his team and walking out, maybe?	Buying the church a $4M ring to make up for it. Just when I think Kobe can't get any more likable.
5 How surprised are you Miami University is involved in a massive NCAA inquiry?	About as surprised as I am that the Bears' offensive line has issues.	This much. (It would be more clear if you could see the distance between my hands right now.)	As surprised as I was to find out Snooki spray-tans.	Just like when I saw a naked man riding his bike in Miami—shocking but then again not surprised.	Very, but I'm an easily surprised guy. The sun came up this morning and I was AMAZED.

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Devin Hester during Bears training camp
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Hester silent on allegations

BOURBONNAIS As far as the Bears are concerned, what might have happened at the University of Miami stays at the University of Miami.

Stunning allegations of rampant NCAA violations at the school and millions of dollars in impermissible gifts from one rogue booster being lavished on student athletes came out in a highly detailed Yahoo! Sports report that names Devin Hester as one of more than 70 athletes involved.

Hester, pictured with Hurricanes booster Nevin Shapiro in multiple photos in the Yahoo! report, declined to discuss the situation Wednesday, a day after he said he didn't know the man who is serving 20 years in federal prison after being convicted of running a $930 million Ponzi scheme.

NCAA CONFIRMS INVESTIGATION
The NCAA said Wednesday it has been investigating the relationship between a convicted Ponzi scheme artist and the University of Miami for five months, and the allegations—if true—show the need for "serious and fundamental change" in college sports.

"I'm prepared to talk Chicago Bears football," Hester said. "I'm willing to do whatever you want—if you want to talk about Bears, I'm all down for it. But other than that, no comment."

As far as the Bears and the NFL are concerned, the story is mostly a non-issue. It doesn't affect his standing with them just like the Reggie Bush USC probe didn't involve the Saints directly. In this instance, there's no national championship team Hester was on, and he didn't win a Heisman Trophy.

"That's the University of Miami's issue," Bears general manager Jerry Angelo said.

Shapiro admitted he had an ax to grind with the players he splurged for because he believes they betrayed him at his time of need when authorities came down on him. According to the Yahoo! article, Hester allegedly received rims for his SUV, $3,000 for an engagement ring, cash bounties for game performances and NBA playoff tickets through Shapiro. None of that would affect his standing in the NFL, and he's not bound to discuss the matter with NCAA officials if they come calling.

» Serena Williams woke up with a sore and swollen right big toe Wednesday, prompting her to withdraw from the Western & Southern Open. The tournament also lost top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki, who lost to American Christina McHale 6-4, 7-5 in the second round.

» Danica Patrick next week will announce that she will move to NASCAR full time in 2012, multiple sources told ESPN. Although her contracts still are being finalized, Patrick will drive the No. 7 **GoDaddy.com** Chevrolet for the entire 2012 Nationwide Series schedule for JR Motorsports, sources said.

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Barn & Company Public Hall and Smoke House
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Off to a good start

Pulled pork

Barn & Company brings new barbecue (and great fries) to Lincoln Park

By Emily Van Zandt

On the heels of the opening of River North's Hubbard Inn earlier this year, David Mitria and his crew are back, bringing a new barbecue spot to Lincoln Park. Just in time for football season, Barn & Company boasts a sizable side patio, plenty of TVs for game watching and a consulting barbecue master, Gary Wiviott.

Moving from Kansas City has left me craving a Budweiser-and-pulled-pork combo on more than one occasion, so I jumped at the chance to visit this new hangout.

You're not forgetting something—the patio is new. Part of the indoor dining room from The Grand Central has been converted to this 80-person outdoor space complete with colorful metal chairs that look (with a little more rust) like something straight off your grandparents' back porch. The intersection gets quite a bit of foot traffic, so don't expect a quiet meal.

Barn & Company
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cocktails by the pitcher. While it may seem the more friendly choice to pony up for a $20 pitcher of spiked sweet tea lemonade or sangria for the group, you're better off ordering by the glass ($7). The pitchers come packed to the brim with ice (as do your glasses) and pour only three almost-full glasses each. Other drink options include a brief wine list and a hearty good selection of beers by the bottle, can or drafts served up in Mason jars (a faux down-home trend we're getting tired of).

Yes, those are pigs in men's clothing ...

adorning the walls. The cartoon paintings of the animal you're likely about to eat actually are pretty cute, if not a little juvenile. Hubbard Inn is decorated to the max, so it was refreshing to see the scene at Barn & Co. stay fairly subdued, with an emphasis on the old barn-wood walls and a few tufted leather booths.

If you're sitting outside ...

you'll need to know how to play the "what did you say?" game. Tracks carrying Red, Brown and Purple Line "L" trains stand a little more than a block away, interrupting conversations on the patio every few minutes. I recommend saying something outlandish and/or mildly offensive just as the train passes. "And that's why she's not allowed back in Kansas" seems to work well.

Carolina sweet tea

Now about that barbecue ...

that they're hoping to be known for. I'll admit, I didn't go in expecting much and I ended up pleasantly surprised. The pulled pork sliders were tender and the pickled red onions and toasted bun added just the right amount of crunch. But the house-made sauces on the table need a little tweaking: One version is way too heavy on the vinegar and the other was a little too sweet for my taste. They both were lacking a well-rounded, smoky flavor. My vote? Go for the ribs. Perfectly pink and tender, the slab was a hit with everyone at the table.

We'll be back to try ...

the french fries again. Our batch was perfectly salted and crisp. The BBQ shrimp tacos were a hit too. Either would be great to be noshing on during a football game. Expect the spot to draw crowds this fall, when TVs in the dining room likely will be switched to major games. Bonus: The patio will be glass-enclosed and heated in the winter.

Bottom line

Stop by if you happen to be in the neighborhood. The food is good and the beer list isn't bad. I'm still on the hunt for a Kansas City-comparable barbecue spot in this city, and while Barn & Company isn't there quite yet, it makes for a solid dinner and drinks stop.

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On Sunday, we went to market—Market Days, that is. Between eating fried food and downing champagne-infused drinks, we got some folks' take on the best of the fest. —CRAIG SEYMOUR

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Jenny Sha

26, musician

How do you describe your music?
My music is like indie, runway pop electro.

What's the best part of Market Days this year?
The dance parties. Everybody is just here to have a good time and dance around.

What's the best Market Days drink?
I would say that giant pineapple thing [served with a pina colada inside]. It makes you look festive. Umbrellas in drinks make me happy.

Marcos Aguirre *25, dancer*

You told me that you were from Boston, but now living in L.A. Which parties the hardest: Boston, L.A., or Chicago?
L.A. parties, but Chicago on Market Days is crazy. I don't think I've seen anything like this in L.A.

What's the best music to dance to?
Anything Britney. Her music is amazing and it makes me feel good.

Would you ever date somebody who couldn't dance?
No. I date a lot of Puerto Ricans and they can all move.

Eddie Rossa

22, works at Scarlet/student

What's been the best part about Market Days this year?
I've just been working Market Days, so the best part for me has been making money.

What is the perfect Market Days drink?
Tequila sunrise ... I was serving shots yesterday. It gives me the Market Days spirit—a little crazy, energetic, kind of a day-drunk [feeling].

What's your best Market Days pickup line?
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Follow the rules of weeknight drinking

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Thanks to out-of-town visitors and friends who work jobs that scatter their nights off throughout my usual workweek, I've been having a lot of "Wait, is today only Monday?" moments this summer.

Whether by accident or design, weeknight drinking happens. It's cheaper, less crowded and can lead to awesome hangover-cover up stories. Bottom line: Proceed with caution.

If you're going to play along, there are a few rules:

5. Act like you've been there. Keep those screams of "OMG SO CHEAP! Why don't we do this every week?!" on the inside. $1 cans? $1 shots? I mean, whatever.

4. Adjust your limit. Not your "I can remember my way home" limit. Not your "lemme get a cheeseburger, I'll be fine" limit. Not even your "three painkillers and a nap" limit. If you have to roll into work the next day, you'd better know how to do it without looking like a complete disaster (and yes, everyone knows what that Vitaminwater is for).

3. Know exactly what you're doing the next day Don't have to be in until 11? Already spell-checked that report due to your boss at 3? Stay for another round. But only if you're sure. In fact, why don't you check your iCal one more time. The last thing you want is to down a shot before realizing you have a 9 a.m. presentation.

2. Have an ally. You need at least one person in the group who is running on a similar schedule to help support you in the quest to leave at a reasonable hour. Don't be the only 9-to-5-er in a group of restaurant industry folks on a Monday night. They will destroy you (but probably get you a few free drinks while they're at it).

1. Remember, it's not the weekend. Chances are you do have to go to work tomorrow. And if you don't, your roommate does. And if your roommate doesn't, the friends you're about to text "Wher r u, come outt!!!!!" do. And they hate you. **EMILY VAN ZANDT IS THE METROMIX NIGHTLIFE PRODUCER. @METROMIXBARS**

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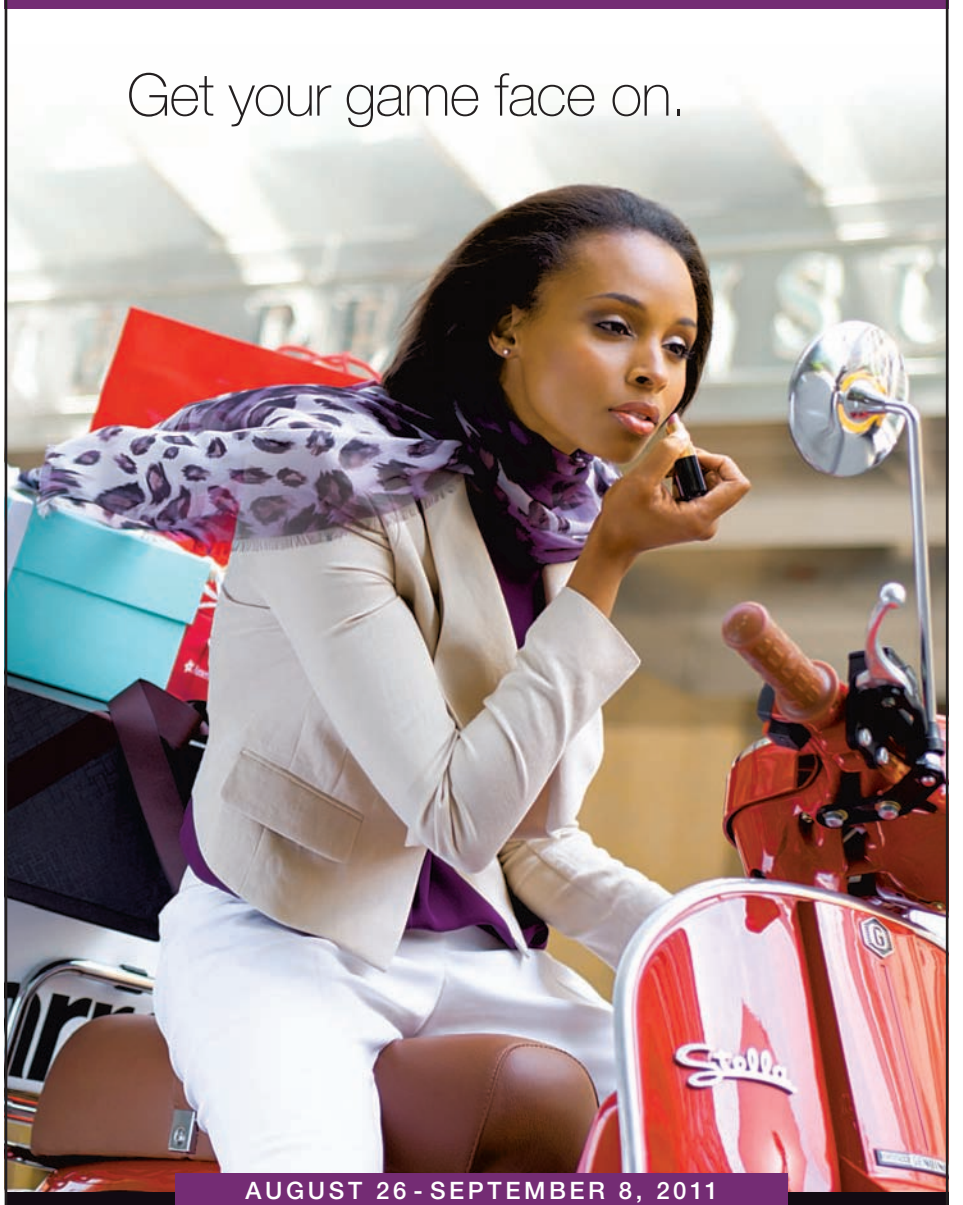

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The lyrics to one of our songs are, "We WON'T inherit the Earth." This is crucial because you'll be drinking with us and want to join in. We'd hate to see you trip up!

If the band were a breakfast cereal, what would it be and why?
Rusty nails drowned in low fat milk. Otherwise, let's go with Frosted Flakes. Sure, it's part of a balanced breakfast and it looks fairly healthy from a distance, but up close you realize that it's absolutely ridiculous and that you have no business eating it as an adult, though somehow you keep coming back for more! Hmm.....

Whom would you want to work with, and with whom would you never work? Why?
Lady Gaga. (Shocking, right?) She is immensely talented as both a songwriter and performer and doesn't get nearly enough credit from rock fans because she does pop music. If we combined forces, we would set the world on fire. Who would we NEVER work with? Now you're confusing us with a band that has standards!

What's the best album you've heard recently?
"Feel the Steel" by Steel Panther. This album has spent more time than any other being blasted on the way to practice. (It's William Paimon's personal favorite album!)

What song do you never want to hear again?
"The Ballad of N.A.T.O." by the Tossers. Not because it's a bad song (it's actually an amazing song, and we are all huge fans of the Tossers and never miss a chance to see them live), but because it sends Brian flying into a homicidal rage every time he hears it.

What is Chicago's best music venue and why?
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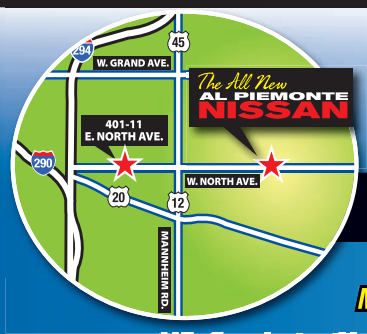

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Jonesing for gin

Chicago Tribune

There's a cardinal rule when producing a London dry gin, says Phil Brandon, founder of Rock Town Distillery in Little Rock, Ark. The style, which is known for its juniper and citrus notes, has to work in a gin and tonic.

"There might be people [who] want to use it in a Ramos gin fizz, but if it isn't good with tonic water, the average person won't like it," Brandon says.

That's because most people aren't going to spend the time mixing a drink like a Ramos gin fizz, a blended cocktail made with gin, simple syrup, half-and-half, an egg white, vanilla, orange flower water and lemon-lime soda. However, they likely will combine the spirit with bitter tonic water and a squeeze of lime in a gin and tonic.

And that means the gin has to have enough of those trademark juniper and citrus notes so that the average person recognizes the gin as gin. "You don't want to have to convince someone that what they're drinking is gin," he says. But, at the same time, that doesn't mean a distiller can't put his unique stamp on the spirit, Brandon says. "You also want to surprise them a little bit."

Brandon's Gin follows that formula. Of the seven botanicals that make up the spirit's flavor, the juniper and citrus notes identify the spirit as gin. But in the background is a complex array of flavors, most notably cinnamon and anise.

TRY IT

Brandon's Gin has a complex aroma with hints of citrus, ginger and juniper notes. The flavor melds typical gin notes with hints of cinnamon and anise. For buying information, visit **arkansaslightning.com**.

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Brandon attributes that intricate balance of flavors to the way he produces the spirit. He suspends the botanicals in a basket in the distillery's pot still. The rising vapors pass through the basket and pick up the aromatics. The vapor infusion process produces a lighter, more complex and more aromatic spirit than other methods, he says.

"We want our products to be a little different and unique," he says. That approach helped Brandon's Gin win a double gold earlier this year at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

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Dr. Alpa Patel says she always had a hard time sitting still in front of the TV. Now, she channels that extra energy into multitasking endeavors such as folding laundry or knitting while watching TV.

She's lost 40 pounds in the past two years.

That's good news for the senior epidemiologist at the American Cancer Society, who was the lead author of a study released in the fall that found women who sat for more than six hours a day had a 37 percent increased risk of premature death, compared with 18 percent for men. Those results stayed the same even when factors such as an individual's diet, amount of physical activity and smoking were taken into account.

Patel's study, the largest on how sitting affects mortality, was based on information from surveys of 123,000 people who participated between 1992 and 2006. Females who sat the longest and exercised the least had twice the risk of death compared with women who recorded more activity and less sitting. Under similar circumstances for men, there was only a 50 percent greater chance of death.

Patel and others suggest these alternatives to sitting all day, even if you have a job that requires a lot of it.

WALK TO TALK
Every other instant message or two, get up and go tell the person instead of messaging or emailing them. Communicate like it's 1989—before there were computers on every desk.

STAND UP
Anchored to your desk for a conference call? Stand while you're participating instead of sitting, Patel says. You want to mix sitting and standing. Standing still for long stretches also can promote problems such as sore feet. Mix it up.

THE HOUR RULE
Do something that gets you up from your desk every hour.

PARKING PERK
Patel tries to park farther away from stores to get in a little more walking. "If you add five minutes of activity to your day every hour, at the end of a 10-hour workday, it's almost an hour," she says.

REARRANGE FOR MORE RANGE
Dr. James Levine of Minnesota's Mayo Clinic suggests that companies promote walk-and-talk meetings with co-workers instead of conference room gatherings. Or, WebMD suggests, move trash cans from worker cubicles to central locations to promote a get-up-to-toss-trash movement.

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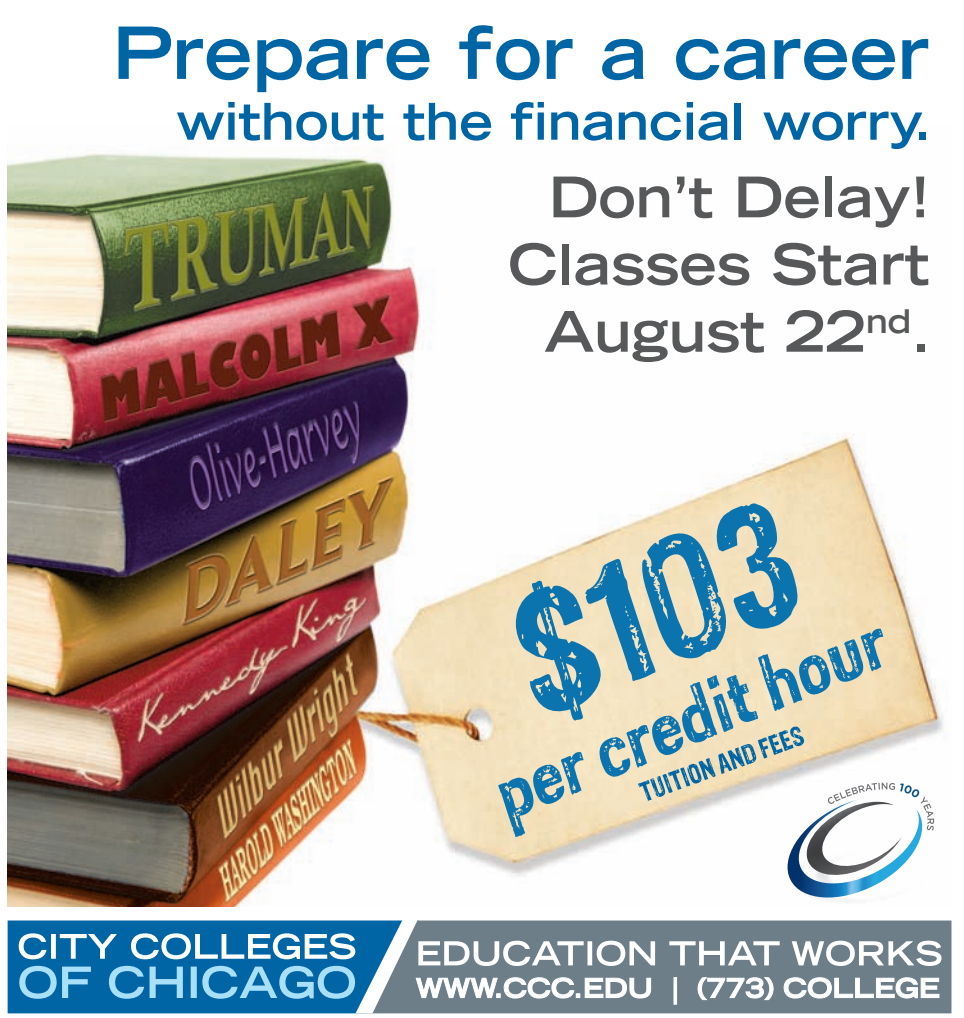

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- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 1:30,4:15,7:05
- **The Change-Up** (R) 2:10,4:50,7:35,10:15
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 12:25,2:55,5:25,8:00,10:30
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 12:50,3:00,5:10,7:25,9:35
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 1:00,3:20,5:45,8:10,10:25
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 1:05,3:50,6:50,9:45
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- **The Guard** (R) ◆ 1:35,4:10,7:35,10:10
- **Point Blank** (R) ◆ 1:45,4:00,7:45,10:00
- **Another Earth** (PG–13) ◆ 1:50,4:30,9:50
- **The Devil's Double** (R) ◆ 1:30,4:15,7:20,9:55
- **The Whistleblower** (R) ◆ 1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40
- **Senna** (PG–13)

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- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 1:20,4:10
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:20,10:30
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 12:20,3:20,6:20,9:20
- **The Smurfs** (PG) 12:40,5:45
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 3:10,8:20
- **The Change-Up** (R) 1:10,6:30
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 1:30,2:15, 4:15,6:15,6:45,7:15,9:00,9:15,9:45,10:15
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:30,3:55,7:10,10:20
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 12:50,3:00,5:20,7:40,9:50
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
- **The Globe Theatre Presents Henry IV Part 2** (NR) 6:30
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 12:10,2:45,5:30,8:00,10:40
- **The Change-Up** (R) (Open captioned) 3:45,9:10
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00

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- **The Help** (PG–13) ★ 12:45,3:45,6:45,9:45
- **The Smurfs** (PG) 12:20,2:30,4:40,7:00,9:10
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 11:30,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10

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- **The Smurfs** (PG) 11:40,2:10,4:40,7:25,9:55
- **Conan the Barbarian 3D** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 11:50,2:10,4:30,7:00,9:10
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 10:55,1:50,4:45,7:40,10:35
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 11:00,1:55,4:50,7:55,10:40
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 10:45,1:25,3:50,6:30
- **Zookeeper** (PG) 10:40,1:20,3:55,6:35,9:20
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG–13) 11:45,3:25,6:40,10:10
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 10:25,1:15,4:35,7:15,10:05
- **The Change-Up** (R) 10:50,1:40,4:20,7:20,9:50
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:35,1:35,4:25,7:05,10:00
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:30,2:15,5:00,7:45,10:40
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 11:45,2:05,4:25,7:05,9:25
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:55,2:15,4:35,7:15,9:45
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:00,12:01
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:50,3:20,7:00,10:20

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- **The Interrupters** (NR) 5:30,8:15
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- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 2:00,4:30,7:10,9:40
- **Beginners** (R) 1:30,3:30,5:30,7:30,9:30
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG–13) 1:00,4:00,7:00,9:50
- **Zookeeper** (PG) 12:50 P.M.
- **Bridesmaids** (R) 2:50,5:20,7:40,10:10

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- **Sorry, Wrong Number** (NR) 5:30,9:45
- **Brute Force** (NR) 7:40 P.M.
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- AMC Independent **Sarah's Key** (PG–13) 11:55,2:30,5:10,7:55,10:35
- **The Smurfs** (PG) 1:40,6:50
- **Conan the Barbarian 3D** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Friends With Benefits** (R) 10:05,12:40,3:10,5:50,8:20,10:55
- AMC Independent **The Guard** (R) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00,11:30
- AMC Independent **The Devil's Double** (R) 11:25,2:05,4:50,7:35,10:25
- **Attack the Block** (R) 11:40,2:05,4:35,7:10,9:40,11:55
- **Conan the Barbarian** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Final Destination 5** (R) 10:05,12:30,2:55,5:20,7:45
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 10:30,12:45,3:00,5:15
- **The Globe Theatre Presents Henry IV Part 2** (NR) 6:30 P.M.
- **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG–13) 10:50,4:50,10:50
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 1:50,7:50
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 11:05,4:20,9:20
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 12:05,3:00,6:00,9:10,11:55
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2: 3D** (PG–13) 10:45,1:50,11:00
- **The Change-Up** (R) 10:30,11:30,1:15,4:00,5:00,6:40,9:20,10:20,11:50
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:00, 11:00,12:00,12:45,1:45,2:45,3:30,4:30,5:30,6:15,8:15,9:00,11:00,11:45
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 10:00,12:15,2:45,5:15,7:45,10:15
- **Horrible Bosses** (R) 2:25 P.M.
- **Horrible Bosses** (R) 7:40 P.M.
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:05,1:30,3:55,6:20,8:45,11:10
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:00,12:01
- **Fright Night** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 10:35,1:35,4:35,7:35,10:35
- **The Help** (PG–13) 10:00,12:00,1:15,3:30,4:40,7:00,8:00,10:30

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- **The Smurfs** (PG) 8:20,10:50
- **Conan the Barbarian 3D** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Friends With Benefits** (R) 4:05,7:00
- **Cars 2** (G) 10:30,1:15
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG–13) 10:55 P.M.
- **Conan the Barbarian** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Final Destination 5** (R) 10:15,12:45,3:20,5:45,8:15
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D** (PG) 12:01 A.M.
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 11:45,2:10,4:35,7:05,9:15
- **Final Destination 5: An IMAX 3D Experience** (R) 7:15,9:45
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 5:50 P.M.
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 10:35,1:30,4:20,7:25
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 11:05,1:45
- **Zookeeper** (PG) 10:00,12:30,3:15,5:40
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 11:55,3:00,6:00,9:00
- **The Change-Up** (R) 5:50,8:45
- **The Change-Up** (R) 11:10,7:45,10:30
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:10,2:05,5:10,8:10
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:10, 12:10,1:10,3:05,4:05,6:10,7:10,9:10,10:10
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 10:00,12:25,2:45,5:00,7:20,9:40
- **Horrible Bosses** (R) 10:00 P.M.
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:00,1:25
- **Winnie the Pooh** (G) 11:15,1:20,3:35
- AMC Independent **One Day** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:00,12:01
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 10:40,1:50,4:40,7:35,10:15
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2: IMAX 3D** (PG–13) 10:05,1:00,4:15
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:50,4:10,7:40,11:00
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:50,3:10,6:40,10:05

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- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 1:20,4:05,7:05,10:10
- **Horrible Bosses** (R) 12:15,2:45,5:10,7:45,10:15
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 1:15,4:15,7:15,10:05
- **Friends With Benefits** (R) 1:10,4:00,6:50,9:30
- **The Change-Up** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:00,9:40,10:25
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 12:30, 2:00,3:00,4:40,7:10,9:50
- **The Help** (PG–13) 1:00,4:10,7:20,10:30
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- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 12:20,2:50,5:20,7:40,10:20
- **The Globe Theatre Presents Henry IV Part 2** (NR) 6:30
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- **Friends With Benefits** (R) 9:45 P.M.
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG–13) 7:10,10:30
- **Conan the Barbarian** (R) 12:01 A.M.
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- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 1:00,3:15,5:30,7:40,10:00
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:00,12:01
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:45,4:00,7:20,10:40

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- **The Smurfs** (PG) 10:05,12:40,3:20,6:05
- **Conan the Barbarian 3D** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Friends With Benefits** (R) 10:30,4:25
- **Conan the Barbarian** (R) 12:01 A.M.
- **Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D** (PG) 12:01 A.M.
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 10:40,12:50,3:00,5:15,7:25,9:40
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 10:20,1:20,4:20,7:20
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 11:15,2:00,4:45,7:30,10:25
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 11:05,1:40,4:20,7:05
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon** (PG–13) 1:00,7:00
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) 11:40,2:25,5:05,7:45,10:35
- **The Change-Up** (R) 11:05,1:40,4:15,6:50,9:35
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 10:00,12:45,3:30,6:15,9:00
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 11:00,1:45,4:30,7:15,10:00
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 11:10,1:15,3:25,5:40,8:10,10:30
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 11:15,1:30,3:50,6:10,8:35,11:00
- AMC Independent **One Day** (PG–13) 12:01 A.M.
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:00,12:01
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) 11:35,2:15,5:10,8:00,10:45
- **The Help** (PG–13) 11:50,3:10,6:20,9:45

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- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2: 3D** (PG–13) ★ 6:40 P.M.
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) ★ 4:50,10:45
- **The Smurfs** (PG) ★ 3:50,9:20 P.M.
- **Captain America: The First Avenger 3D** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,7:45
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) ★ 1:10,6:50
- **Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D** (PG–13) ★ 10:40 P.M.
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) ★ 3:10 P.M.
- **Cowboys & Aliens** (PG–13) ★ 1:50,4:40,7:40,10:20
- **The Change-Up** (R) 12:40,3:20,6:20,9:00
- **30 Minutes or Less** (R) 2:20,5:00,7:30,9:50
- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) 1:15,2:10, 4:10,5:10,7:10,8:00,10:00,11:00
- **Horrible Bosses** (R) ★ 12:50,3:40,6:10,8:40,11:15
- **Final Destination 5 3D** (R) 1:40,4:15,6:30,8:50,11:10
- **Fright Night 3D** (R) 9:10,12:01
- **The Help** (PG–13) 12:10,1:30,2:30,3:30,4:45,6:00,7:00,8:10, 9:30,10:30,11:30
- **Crazy, Stupid, Love.** (PG–13) ★ 1:00,4:20,7:20,10:10
- **Friends With Benefits** (R) ★ 1:20 P.M.
- **Glee the 3D Concert Movie** (PG) 1:45,4:00,6:15,8:30,10:50

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- **Rise of the Planet of the Apes** (PG–13) *VIP Premium 21+* 2:10,5:10,8:00,11:00
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- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** (PG–13) 1:30
- **Captain America: The First Avenger** (PG–13) 4:20,9:40
- **The Smurfs 3D** (PG) 2:20,7:00
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- **The Globe Theatre Presents Henry IV Part 2** (NR) ◆ 6:30 P.M.

SUMMER **BULK** BUSTERS

Los Angeles Times

For many pop culture fans, devouring TV shows all at once has taken the place of the summer beach read. They buy box sets, Netflix or download whole seasons, treating TV series such as "The Wire" and "Breaking Bad" as if they were meant to be watched in five-hour stretches.

Claire Danes, who began her career in "My So-Called Life" and returns to TV this fall in "Homeland," pinpointed the phenomenon recently. "In my experience as a viewer of television, I've started watching TV in bulk," she told reporters recently. "I watch television like I read a novel."

We asked a handful of TV folks for late-summer viewing suggestions, old and new.

"**'The Mary Tyler Moore Show'**—that's a great show. It's available on box set, I have one. The writing is perfect, it's perfectly structured, the characters ... it's great. In this day and age it's a borderline museum piece. As far as a show I just devour, it's **'The Wire.'**"

—**Michael C. Hall** of "Dexter"

"**'Deadwood!'** I am a Western fanatic, and for me this show was and is an obsession. The writing, the acting, the characters, the sets, the costumes are all so authentic-seeming, one can almost feel the dirt. I have watched it three times through and can't wait for the fourth."

—**Kristin Bauer van Straten** of "True Blood"

"I love **'Freaks and Geeks.'** It was so ahead of its time, and I think that's why it got canceled so quickly. It was so brilliant. All our favorite comedians now were rocking it back then—Seth Rogen, Jason Segel and James Franco."

—**Evan Rachel Wood** of "Mildred Pierce"

"This summer I will be catching up on one of my favorite shows, **'Damages.'** It has such a talented cast, smart writing and is so captivating. Anyone who hasn't seen this show should check it out!"

—**Brooke Elliott** of "Drop Dead Diva"

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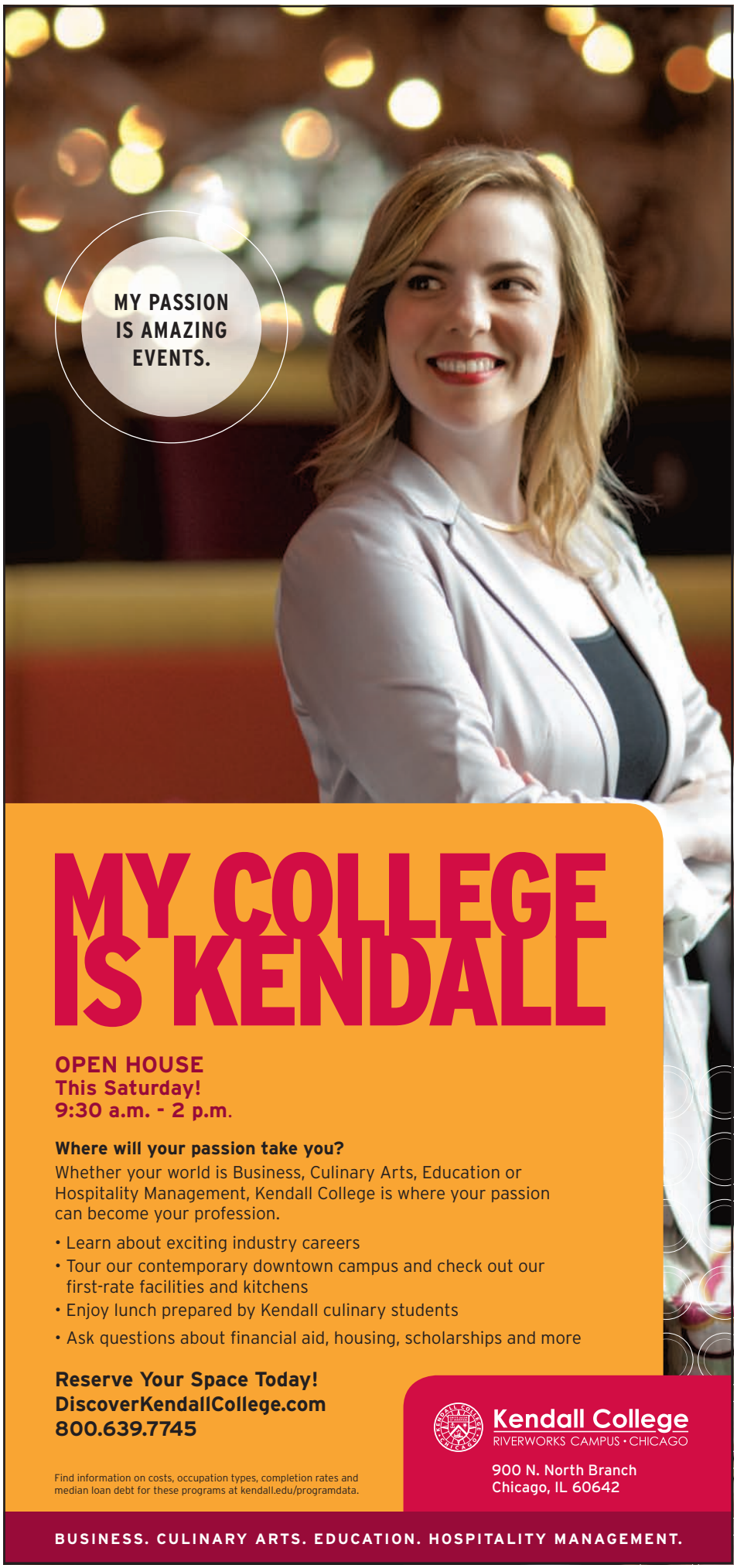
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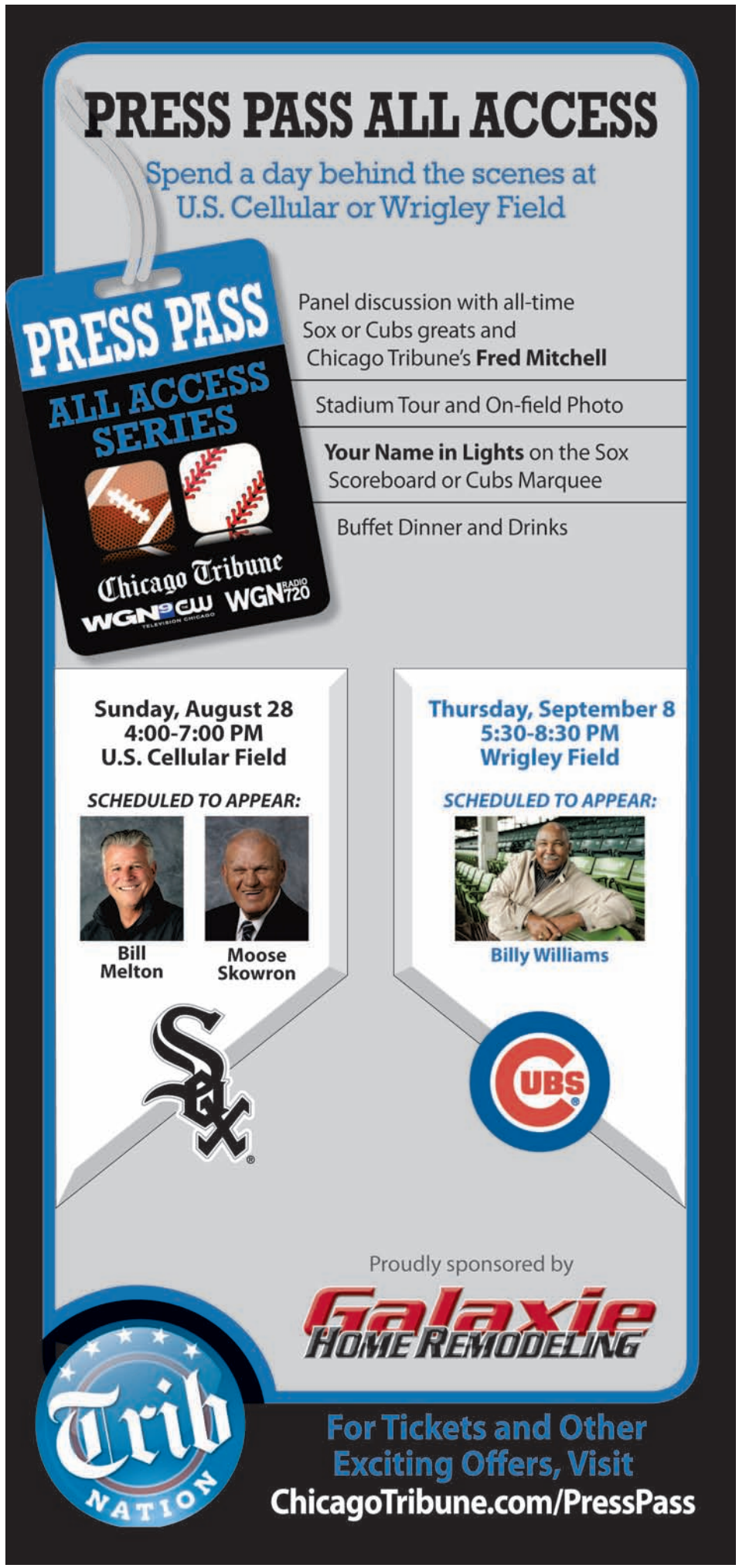
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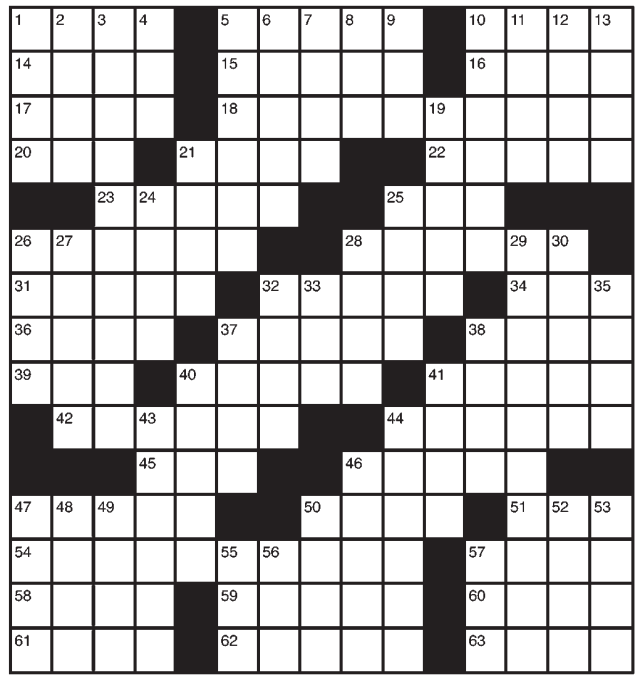

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25 Peculiar
26 Large kitchen appliances
28 Runs after
31 Dried dishes
32 Place to sit
34 Brewery tub
36 Mischief makers
37 Remembered Texas mission
38 Light above a saint
39 "_ whiz!"
40 Overact
41 21-gun salute, e.g.
42 Hummed along
44 Actor/producer _ L. Jackson
45 Japan's dollar
46 Wood ideal for rafts
47 Charley horse, for one
50 Story
51 Prefix with angle or cycle
54 Yellow belly
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58 Zits
59 "Little Orphan _"
60 Wraps up
61 Close by
62 Get on one's feet
63 "By the Time _ to Phoenix"

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2 False deity
3 Plant-sucking insect
4 Boy
5 High principles
6 Obeys
7 Sampras or Rose
8 Personality
9 "Skip to My _"
10 Prizes
11 3 biblical kings
12 Frosts a cake
13 Prescribed amount
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21 Ran away
24 Currier and _; printmakers
25 "The Buckeye State"
26 Single swallow of a drink
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37 Prayer closing
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DRUMS! DRUMS!

Step aside, Animal: Artists have their own take on Muppets hits

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Strike up the band and call your puppet friends. "The Green Album," a cover record of songs originally performed by the Muppets, isn't for sale until Tuesday, but you can get your fix early with an NPR stream of the entire album. We took a listen to some of our favorite tracks to see how they compared with the Jim Henson originals. (And also learned that PBR is a sponsor of NPR. Who knew?) DAMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM

'Muppet Show Theme Song'

Covered by: OK Go
Originally sung by: The whole gang

The "Muppet Show" version is frenetic and joyful, so it's jarring at first to hear the song with a distinctly OK Go bent. Their version is almost a little creepy and sounds like what you'd hear in a carnival funhouse's hall of mirrors. We'd love to see their take on a music video though.

'Rainbow Connection'

Covered by: Weezer
Originally sung by: Kermit the Frog

This Academy Award-nominated song already has been covered by everyone from Jason Mraz to Less Than Jake, so it's not tough for us to imagine someone other than Kermit singing it. Weezer does a nice job with its version, capturing just the right mood of froggy earnestness.

'I'm Going To Go Back There Someday'

Covered by: Rachael Yamagata
Originally sung by: Gonzo, with Fozzie Bear on banjo

The great thing about most Muppets songs is their simplicity and innocent emotion. Yamagata's song captures half of that, but then there's a weird background singer situation and too many instrumentals going on. Give us Gonzo and a campfire anytime.

'Mahna Mahna'

Covered by: The Fray
Originally sung by: Two pink fish-faced Muppets and a purple Muppet with an orange beard

How different is it possible to make this song sound? Not very. But that's not what matters—it's a tune meant for bopping around to and getting stuck in your friends' heads. Or your own ... dang it.

'Bein' Green'

Covered by: Andrew Bird
Originally sung by: Kermit the Frog

OK, we know this is blasphemy, but Bird's version just might be better than the original. His rich, folksy voice takes Kermit's lamenting tune to another level. This guy knows what it's like to be green—plus, whistling!

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Jennifer Hudson was in for a jolt when she went to Hollywood for "American Idol." "I remember one of my first times on a red carpet, an interviewer asked, 'How does it feel to be plus-sized in Hollywood?' " J-Hud, who since has dropped much of that weight, says in the new Self magazine. "I looked around, like, 'Who is she talking to? Oh, me? I'm plus-sized?' In the neighborhood I'm from in Chicago, a 16 is normal. But in Hollywood, everyone looks exactly the same, so I stood out."

HOLLYWOOD SURPRISE

Jennifer Hudson
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THE DIGITS

←3 The number of baby mamas Kevin Federline has racked up as of Monday with the birth of his fifth child, according to **latimes.com**. His girlfriend, Victoria Prince, gave birth to a girl, Jordan Kay, who joins Federline's two kids apiece with exes Shar Jackson and Britney Spears.

290,000 That's the approximate number of iTunes downloads of Kanye West and Jay-Z's "Watch the Throne" that sold in the album's first week, breaking the 2008 record held by Coldplay's "Viva La Vida Or Death and All His Friends," according to **billboard.com.**

Perry tale

Katy Perry

Teenage dreams just keep coming true for Katy Perry. The singer became the first woman and second artist ever to have five No. 1 Billboard Hot 100 hits from a single album when "Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)" hit the top of the chart this week. The other musician to earn this honor? It's Michael Jackson, off his "Bad" album in 1987-88. Looks like Perry's in pretty talented company.

Who'll wear the pants?

Amber Tamblyn

David Cross

She's known for "Traveling Pants"; he's known for always wearing pants (or at least cutoffs). Amber Tamblyn and David Cross are engaged, their reps confirmed to media outlets. Tamblyn, 28, also starred in "Joan of Arcadia," while Cross, 47, is best-known as Tobias Funke, the wannabe actor who suffers from "never-nude" syndrome on "Arrested Development."

Kim's got guest stars

Kim Kardashian

We have ceremony details! Kim Kardashian's wedding Saturday to Kris Humphries promises to be a blowout, with tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams, Nicole Richie and Kelly Osbourne among the celebrity guests scheduled to attend, **usmagazine.com** reports. She still has a way to go to match William and Kate.